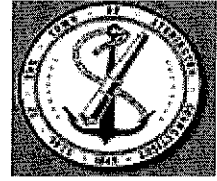


Stonington Harbor Management Commission

March 12, 2018

Minutes by *(Melanie Degler, Acting Secretary)*



1. Call to Order:

Chairman Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Attending: Commissioners Anderson, Degler, Diggs, O'Neill, Johnstone, Smith, Harbormaster Donch and Assistant Harbormaster Estabrooks

Absent: Commissioners MacKinnon, Crites and Rose

2. Minutes:

The Minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed. The Minutes were accepted and moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and approved unanimously.

3. Special Use Mooring Permits for 2018:

A. NESS – Requested the same number of special use moorings as last year

- (6) Special Use moorings
- Reviewed their submitted request and noted they now have (8) staff members who hold USCG Licenses for power boat use.

As there were no issues noted by the Commission, the motion was made by Commissioner Diggs to approve the 6 moorings requested, seconded by Commissioner Degler. The request was fully approved by the Commission.

B. SHYC – Requested the following moorings for 2018

- (6) Special Use Boat moorings
- (1) Special Use Float mooring
- Reviewed their application and documentation. A detailed discussion was held regarding SHYCs public access and public program offerings, which was requested last year during the Special Use Permit Review. It was noted there has been a 22% increase, since last season, as well as, the hiring of a new marketing position, to increase awareness of their services to the full community. A number of Commissioners stated there needed to be more means encouraging and informing the public. Commissioners suggested use of local media advertising, additional signs posted outside of the Borough-proper and electronic notices, such as the Stonington Forum on FaceBook, Twitter, etc.
- Further discussion was held regarding the offered placement of the (6) Special Use moorings. The SHYC stated they were not happy with the placement of all

(6) of the Special Moorings offered last season and would like to receive more of the (6) moorings in deeper water this season or even on the east side of the harbor, to be used for their Ideal 18s and their transport motorboat. SHYC stated last season they only accepted (3) of the Special Use Moorings offered and rented (3) of Dodson's moorings to better facilitate their needs. Commission members stated the SHYC should pursue this same agreement for the 2018 season and only request (3) Special Use Moorings and (1) Float Mooring, since the Commission is very limited in the number of Special Use Moorings that can be offered. It was agreed, the Harbormaster will work with the Yacht Club to locate (3 of 6) acceptable Special Use moorings outside of the Master Grid, where available.

As there were no further questions or discussion by Commissioners, the motion was made by Commissioner Diggs to approve the (3 existing/ 1 float) of Special Use moorings and (3) additional special use off grid moorings located at the Harbormasters discretion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Commissioners Spalding, Anderson, Crites, Diggs, O'Neill, Johnstone and Smith approved the motion. Commissioner Degler denied the motion. The request was approved by the Commission with the above noted stipulation.

4. Correspondence:

- A. In Jurisdiction: None
- B. Out of Jurisdiction: None

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Financial Report for March 2018 was reviewed and is attached to these minutes.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill, and approved unanimously.

6. Harbormaster's Report:

The Report for March 2018 was discussed and is attached to these minutes.

- A. The sailboat on the rocks opposite the Barn Island Boat ramp has been removed by the owner. Delay in removal was caused by weather conditions.

Acceptance of the Harbormaster Report was moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill, and approved unanimously.

7. Old Business:

A. Stonington Harbor Breakwater Renovation

- The SHMC Work Group has been working to contract with the previous firm that performed engineering work on the breakwater for the town. This would be a sole source award to Docko Inc. The group will meet again before the next SHMC meeting in April to determine the next step and to meet with Docko Inc. to discuss the implementation and construction plans for the project.
- The Work Group discussed the importance of keeping this project moving swiftly to completion before the grant money expires.

B. Town Fishing Pier Project

- Commissioner Diggs confirmed the Fishing Pier Project has their own members to pursue this project. This item is now closed for the SHMC.

8. New Business:

A. Commissioner Diggs requested story topics for the upcoming 2018 Season SHMC Newsletter. All Commissioners are requested to send their story topics to Commissioner Diggs before our April 2018 meeting.

B. A discussion was held regarding whether the Commission should send both electronic and mailed copies of this year's newsletter, as well as, placing numerous printed copies around businesses in the Borough, Mystic, Stonington and Pawcatuck. A decision will be made at the April meeting.

9. Public Comment:

A. Mr. Craig Rowley expressed concern that he had not received a response to his December 12, 2017 letter previously sent to the Commission, regarding the safety issue in the water near Walker's Dock. Chairman Spalding confirmed the letter was received and forwarded to Harbormaster Donch for investigation.

- Harbormaster Donch confirmed Don's Dock had been contacted and requested to remove the mushroom and chain below the water near Walker's Dock. Harbormaster Donch will again contact Don's Dock and contract them to remove the navigational hazard as soon as weather permits. This work request will be fully funded by the Commission.
- Commissioner Degler apologized on behalf of the Commission for the delay in responding to Mr. Rowley's letter and thanked him for coming to the meeting, in person, to address this important issue.

B. Mr. Craig Rowley also expressed his concern regarding the potential lack of enforcement within the Slow No Wake Zones around Sandy Point and Pawcatuck Point. The

Commission relayed their awareness of the issue and passed that the proposed ordinances have been submitted to the Town for the area around Sandy Point (western end) and Pawcatuck point. The Commission hopes this ordinance will be approved for the 2018 Boating season and will further help to slow boaters.

10. Adjournment:

Commissioner Smith moved the meeting be adjourned, Commissioner Johnstone seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Approved: Jay Spalding Date: 9 April 2018
Jay Spalding - Chairman SHMC

Attachments:

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Harbormaster's Report

A. Treasurer's report

Report Date 3/12/2018	Plan (Tnt)	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD	Probable
Funds Generated:						
Balance Brought Forward:	16,602	16,601.74	15,378.09		16,601.74	16,601.74
Paid Moorings: Com/PW/Pub:	128/252/9	0/4/0	0/0/0		0/4/0	128/242/9
Moorings Fees:	25,580	200.00	0.00		200.00	25,080.00
Miscellaneous Income:	100	0.00	0.00		0.00	100.00
Total Generated Funds:	42,282	16,801.74	15,378.09	0.00	16,801.74	41,781.74
Operating Expense:						
Moorings Admin:						
Mailings:	500	369.45			369.45	500.00
Telephone:	0				0.00	0.00
Computer Sitwr:	0				0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	500	369.45	0.00	0.00	369.45	500.00
Boat:						
Fuel & Oil:	400	162.25			162.25	400.00
Commissioning:	2,000				0.00	2,000.00
Storage:	200				0.00	200.00
Maintenance/Repairs:	250	31.88			31.88	250.00
Equipment:	1,000	860.07			860.07	1,000.00
Sub-Total:	3,850	1,054.20	0.00	0.00	1,054.20	3,850.00
Harbor Maintenance:						
Buoy: Commission/Haul/Store:	9,600		379.04		379.04	9,600.00
Misc Service/Locker Storage:	300				0.00	300.00
Grid Maintenance:	540				0.00	540.00
Signage:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	10,440	0.00	379.04	0.00	379.04	10,440.00
Dock/Pumpout:						
Dock Eqpt./Maintenance:	500				0.00	500.00
Pumpout Eqpt./Maintenance:	0				0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Administrative:						
Supplies:	0				0.00	0.00
Newsletter:	1,500				0.00	1,500.00
Professional Services:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	1,500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total Operating Expense:	16,790	1,423.65	379.04	0.00	1,802.69	16,790.00
Approved Projects/Capital						
New Anchor/Channel Buoys Project:	10,000				0.00	10,000.00
Radar:	2,500				0.00	2,500.00
Public Access Study:	1,000				0.00	1,000.00
Total Project/Capital	13,500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,500.00
Total Designated Funds	30,290	1,423.65	379.04	0.00	1,802.69	30,290.00
Undesignated Funds:	11,992	15,378.09	14,999.05	0.00	14,999.05	11,491.74
Notes:						
Petty Cash Advance - 300		March				

B. Harbormaster's report

Harbormaster Report
March 12, 2018

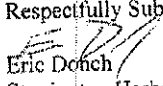
New Mooring permits issued: 0 Moorings being given up (this month): 0
New Mooring assignments in the works: 0
Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$ 2800 2018 YTD = \$3000

Renewals being processed.

Sailboat on rocks opposite Barn Island Boat ramp. The vessel has been removed by the owner.

Robert G

Boat has been "Shrink wrapped" and is in storage at Don's Dock.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Donch
Stonington Harbormaster